

KNOX OFFERS PLAN FOR RATE CONTROL

Supports President Before Pittsburgh Business Men.

ONLY CORRECTS INJUSTICE

Proposition, He Says, Is to Remove Imposition in Roads Using Power to Tax.

Knox's Rate Plan

The commission should have the power to declare a just and fairly remunerative rate to be charged in place of the one declared unreasonable.

This order of the commission should be put into effect within a reasonable time, and should be subject to attack only in the Federal courts.

There is no railroad in the United States that can, in the slightest degree, be affected by forced reasonable rates unless it is guilty of unreasonable and unjust practices.—United States Senator P. C. Knox.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 4.—Speaking before the Chamber of Commerce banquet last night, United States Senator Philander C. Knox declared that Federal control in the regulation of railroad freight rates was a self-evident proposition "from the time that the railroads began to concentrate this taxing power upon transportation in the hands of a few men."

Empower Commission.

Expounding the legal and Constitutional elements involved, he advocated the empowering of the Interstate Commerce Commission to name just rates, upon complaint by shippers that a rate is unreasonable; the commission's decision to be final, "subject only to attack for unreasonableness in the Federal courts, where it would have to stand or fall upon its merits."

Standing thus with President Roosevelt, Senator Knox is in strong contrast with his colleague, Senator Penrose. At the last session of Congress, Penrose lined up most of the Pennsylvania Congressmen against the Townsend-Esch rate bill.

In the Legislature he killed a resolution endorsing the President's demands.

For President.

Representative Dabell introduced Senator Knox as "the representative of the President."

Senator Knox said in part: "It commends itself to me to be wise statesmanship to provide a remedy for a mischief in whatever form it appears rather than to waste time in matching the ingenuity of the lawmaker in devising laws to impose a penalty for a wrong, as it may appear in specific devices, against the ingenuity of the lawbreaker in trying to avoid its provisions by creating new ones."

Grant Public Demand.

"The proposition is that Congress can and should at once enact a law covering the main features of the public demand for a prompt and efficient remedy against unjust railroad practices, and leave to the future the determination of the wisdom and necessity of legislation in respect to collateral and related matters."

"It is the duty of Congress to regulate commerce so as to prevent injustice and imposition by the carriers."

"The proposition to correct unreasonable railroad rates and practices goes no further than this. It is tantamount to the proposition to correct injustice and imposition."

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The Japanese students and merchants of this city celebrated the Emperor's birthday at the Crescent Cafe, 631 F street northwest, last evening. The celebration was opened by H. Nakagima. A. Araki made brief remarks, and S. Sutow read the Imperial rescript. Dr. Miyakawa, of George Washington University, the only Japanese lawyer ever admitted to the American bar, was the speaker for the occasion. Dr. Miyakawa spoke on the Japan of today compared with the Japan of the past.

CONFERENCE CALLED ON ANACOSTIA RIVER

Heads of Business and Citizens' Bodies to Meet Commissioners Monday. Government Ready to Act.

President Cox, of the Board of Trade; President Oyster, of the Business Men's Association, and the presidents of all the citizens' associations, whose territory touches the Anacostia river, have been asked by Commissioner Macfarland to meet him informally on Monday, at 2:30 o'clock and talk over the next step to be taken to forward the project of improving the Anacostia river, which the Commissioners have recommended for the past five years and will recommend again this session.

Congress has been waiting for the last two years for reports from the Department of Justice as to the title of the United States in the Anacostia flats before acting upon the recommendation of the Commissioners, but it has been carrying on the improvement of the channel of the Anacostia below the Anacostia bridge under the river and harbor act. Commissioner Macfarland has ascertained from the Department of Justice that its report will be ready when Congress meets.

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SPLIT ON MUNICIPAL COURT

Resolution for Doing Away With Justices of Peace Laid Over—Tenleytown Sewers.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northwest Washington Citizens' Suburban Association, held in Tenleytown last night, a resolution was offered by J. A. Finch, indorsing Commissioner Macfarland's plea to the Chicago bankers, that the nation share the expense of the improvements to the Capital, instead of the citizens paying all. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Satisfaction at the reappointment of Commissioner West was embodied in a resolution and adopted.

Caused Rumpus. President Lancaster then introduced a resolution which provoked so much discussion that it was voted to lay it on the table until the next meeting.

The resolution said the association was in favor of the repeal of the law creating the office of the justice of the peace and the enactment of a law establishing a municipal court.

A resolution for giving Tenleytown sewer service was presented by J. W. Chappel and adopted.

University Grows.

The Rev. Wilbur L. Davidson, of the American University, told the meeting that two of the twenty marble buildings, which will eventually constitute the university, will be ready for occupancy about January 1, 1906. The university will confine its teaching to post graduate courses, and the facilities which it will offer have already led 1,500 applicants to ask for admission.

Brookland Citizens Want Road Lowered

Inadequate street car service and the lowering of the roadbed at the intersection of the Baltimore and the Brookland Citizens' Association at the monthly meeting, held in the town hall last night.

Congress appropriated \$100,000 last year to lower the road in order to do away with the grade crossing, and the townspeople wish to know when the change is going to be made. The need of more frequent service in the rush hours was discussed at length.

An appeal will be made to the Commissioners for the opening of Monroe street. The continuation of the street car line to the end of Esau Rembert, town, through this thoroughfare, will be urged.

Many favor the installation of electric lights. This was discussed and referred to the committee on lighting. Presidents A. F. Kinnin and Secretary E. C. Ford were in his place. Mr. Ford was instructed to send a letter of condolence to John McPhaul.

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WARFIELD HITS AMENDMENT HARD

Governor Fires Broadside Into Gorman's Scheme.

BIG MEETING ABANDONED

Proposed Gathering With Senator Daniel of Virginia as Principal Speaker Is Given Up.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 4.—Governor Warfield has fired another broadside into the amendment which has done more damage than any previous attack.

Coming at this late date when the advocates of the proposition were believed to be gaining ground, the effect cannot be underestimated. That many of the wavering ones will be influenced to accept his views is not denied and by many the governor's last declaration will, it is thought, determine the result.

The governor takes the broad ground that this amendment would disfranchise whites as well as blacks, and it is therefore a more radical amendment than he had promised to support. He says he is willing to go as far as anyone to place the southern Maryland counties in control of the white voters and promises to sign an even more radical measure than the Wilson bill to insure the disfranchisement of colored illiterates. He suggests the doing away with sample ballots, which under the present law must be exhibited four days before the election and which serve to help guide those unable to read and write. This is probably the most extreme of all radical measures until now suggested.

To the Republicans in southern Maryland it is as objectionable as the amendment and will cause them to redouble their efforts this time to prevent the election of a Democratic legislature.

Leaders Object.

The governor's idea of submitting another amendment in keeping with his views is not a novel by the Democratic leaders. In the first place, it is altogether probable that the Democrats will control the two houses by the necessary three-fifths majority, and again they are opposed to any other kind of amendment, especially one carrying with it a property qualification, such as the governor insists upon incorporating. Senator Gorman claims this is undemocratic, and he will not indorse it.

The Democrats had purposed holding a half-raising meeting tonight at the Lyric, with Senators Daniel of Virginia and Gorman as star orators, but this was abandoned at the last moment. One reason was that Senator Daniel was not well, but the other and probably the best, was that the party managers, fearing a failure, should the attendance not have been up to the standard, it might hurt them more than a crowded house would have helped. In place of this proposed meeting another has been arranged for. This will be held at Lehighman's Hall, which accommodates about 500 people, and Representative Helin of Alabama will do the talking. It comes to tell how the amendment in his State did not freeze out any foreign voters.

Bonsal's Challenge.

A challenge has been issued by Leigh Bonsal, chairman of the anti-amendment organization, to Chairman Furst, of the amendment committee, to produce the names of the Republicans he says will vote for the amendment. Through his secretary, Mr. Furst replied that he intended to protect these people, who, for reasons of their own would vote for the amendment while supporting the Republican candidate.

There is no apparent change in the political situation. The Democratic leaders say they are confident, and so do the Republicans. Baltimore city must decide, and at this writing it looks bad for the amendment.

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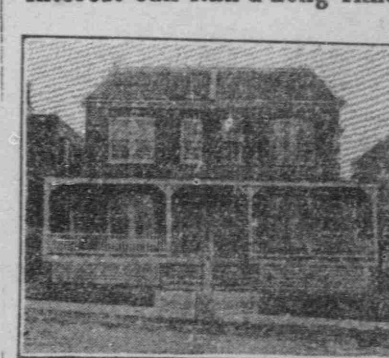


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